

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Masato Mitsuhashi  
App. No. : 10/796,298  
Filed : March 9, 2004  
For : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR HIGH-  
THROUGHPUT QUANTIFICATION  
OF MRNA FROM WHOLE BLOOD  
Examiner : Frank Wei Min Lu  
Art Unit : 1634  
Conf. No. : 9108

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 6, 2009****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 6, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.